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DEEDS FROM THE PERIOD 1859-1950 RELATING TO THE "SCHOOL NECK",  
CLOVERDALE AND MOOREFIELD PROPERTIES

(Copied from ECC records by Mrs.  
S.B. Evans and given to K. Quinn)

Vaughan

537 CARPENTER TRACT 1878

Smith

March 1, 1859 between William R. Vaughan and Mary A, his  
wife, of the 1st part and William S. Smith of the 2nd part  
for \$14,000 Carpenter of the other part, witnesses that  
all that tract, etc. on the Back River road and bounded and  
described as follows, viz:

On the North by Back River and Wythe's Creek  
on the East by Back River, Tabbs Creek and the land of Robert  
H. Vaughan  
on the South by Tabb's Creek, the land of Robert H. Vaughan  
and the Back River Road and on the  
West by the land of Levin Y. Winder and Wythe's Creek  
containing by survey 507 1/2 acres. it being the same tract  
of land 1/6th interest wherein was inherited by the said

William R. Vaughan from his mother Adriadne Vaughan, Dec'd  
and the remainder was conveyed to the said William R. Vaughan  
by deed dated the 1st day of December 1854 and duly recorded  
in the Co Ct of Eliz City Co from Fayette Jones, Special  
Commissioner, appointed by a decree of the Circuit Ct. of the  
Co of Eliz City pronounced on the 13th day of March 1854 in  
the suit of Vaughan vs Vaughan to make conveyance of the interest  
(1/6) of Bettie M. Vaughan, an Infant under the age of 21 years,  
George B. Jones and wife, William I Henren and wife and  
Virginia H. Vaughan, heirs at law of said Ariadne Vaughan dec'd  
And he said William R. Vaughan hereby covenants with the said  
William S. Smith that he will warrant generally the title to the  
property hereby conveyed. Samuel S. Howard examined Mary A  
2nd of March 1859 for her consent to this deed. Recorded  
March 2, 1859, rerecorded May 7, 1867

is that said deed was conveyed to said L. J. Carpenter by deed  
of Wm. S. Howard & wife of even date with the above and duly  
recorded in Clerk's office along with this deed. Henren & to  
secure payment of bonds of \$100 ea. plus interest from Jan 1st, 1879  
& in each of which the benefit of the Homestead Bettie  
waived and each & all of which are payable as follows, etc. (The

William

Robert

— Jones

Henren

Virginia

Bettie

6/6 19.37 - 1854 survey  
103.23  
516.14



*Plat of "Celey" showing division is dated 2 May 1866.*

This is the division of property referred to in discourse on

Celey's - it confirms property of School Neck as belonging to

Elizabeth V. Chiles:

This cause this day again came on to be heard upon the papers  
formerly read and the report of Benjamin F. Hudgins, James Sclater  
& Jeff Sinclair Commissioners appointed under a previous decree  
in this cause to make partition of the lands devised by the late  
William S. Smith in accordance with the provisions and requirements  
of the last will and testament which has been duly admitted to  
probate in this court and which report no exception has been filed  
and was argued by counsel

It appearing from the report of the sd. commissioners that they  
did allot assign & set apart the tract of land known as "Celey's"  
as follows, viz:

to Mrs. Mary A. Vaughan the wife of Dr. Wm R  
Vaughan to hold in severally ~~etc.~~ 266.7 A. of Celey  
as per Wm. Ivy's plat which I took off...

And it further appearing from the report of the said Commissioners  
that the tract of land on Back River known as "School Neck"  
containing 435 ac. adjoining the lands of Robert H. Vaughan's  
estate, was allotted and assigned to Mrs. Elizabeth V. Chiles, the  
court doth adjudge order & decree that the said report and all  
things therein contained do stand ratified and confirmed and that  
the partition so made be firm and effectual forever.

> Mrs. Lavinia C. Vaughan - 269.2 A. of Celey  
William T. Smith - 234.7 A. of Celey

Plat of Celey (recorded with Court order)  
- on Hampton Roads between Salter's  
Creek and Cusls Creek  
E. C. Blackmore

Decree of Circuit Court of Eliz City Co - 5 May 1873 in  
 Chancery suit of "Massenburg and Cary vs. Vaughan's Admrs. etc"  
 Charles K. Mallory and Thomas Tabb appointed Special Commissioners  
 sold on Sat. 28th day of November 1874 in front of the Court  
 House Door of the Co of Eliz City that being a County Court day  
 that certain tract of land located in the Co of Eliz City  
 known as "Cloverdale", of which Robert H. Vaughan died siezed,  
 containing 300 acres more or less and bounded by a Branch of  
 Back River, the lands of William S. Smith, known as "xSchool  
 Neck, the land of F. A. Schmeltz formerly owned by L. Y. Winder,  
 and the lands of John F. Moore - when said F. A. Schmeltz became  
 the purchaser thereof at the sum of \$3400 that being the highest  
 bid. Sale confirmed by Ct. 23 April A. D. 1875  
 Deed 1st Feb. 1876

"All that certain tract of land located in Wythe Township, Co of  
 Eliz. City. State of Va. known as "Cloverdale", of which the  
 late Robert H. Vaughan died seized containing 300 ac more or less  
 and bounded by Branch of Back River, the lands of William S.  
 Smith's estate known as School Neck - the land of the said  
 F. A. Schmeltz, formerly owned by L. Y. Winder - also the tract of  
 land known as Moorefield, owned by the said F. A. Schmeltz, and the  
 lands of John F. Moore - subject to unpaid taxes, etc.

Recorded Feb 9 1876

*Book 5 page 454 "Cloverdale" July 20, 1878*

*Francis A. Schmeltz deeded to Howard S. and Nannie Bell  
 Collier the estate "known as Cloverdale, formerly the estate  
 of Robt. H. Vaughan, deceased, containing 300 acres more or less,  
 and bounded by a branch of Back River, the lands of  
 William S. Smith's estate, known as School Neck the  
 lands of John F. Moore" Conveyed to Francis A. Schmeltz Feb. 1,  
 1876. The deed restricts inheritance of the land to Nannie's  
 heirs, or else Schmeltz's heirs.*



Collier

Whereas John W. Blackmore, Trustee for Elizabeth V. Chiles

Tabb

This deed made 20 March 1895 between F. S. Collier, Special  
Commissioner of <sup>party the</sup> 1st part & Thomas Tabb <sup>party of the</sup> of 2nd part *all of the Co. of Eliz.  
City, State of Va.*  
Whereas by a decree of the Circuit Court of <sup>the</sup> Co. of Eliz City  
*pronounced in the*  
chancery cause therein pending under the name and style of  
Collier and wife vs Collier and others on the 19th <sup>day</sup> of March 1895,  
it was ordered that F. S. Collier as Special Comr convey by  
deed with special warranty to the said Thomas Tabb the lot or  
parcel of land in the bill mentioned and described as being  
in the town of Hampton ... accurately & particularly set forth

(this apparently was an exchange of property due Nannie  
B. Collier as heir of Schmelz, the Yankee Alley lot was  
bought with her 1/5th legacy and exchanged for School Neck farm)

*Blackmore trustee Elizabeth V. Chiles John W. Blackmore and  
but before the said Special Special Commissioners, F.S. Collier, should deliver  
to the said Thomas Tabb his deed for the said lot or parcel of land  
he shall first receive from the said Thomas Tabb a deed executed by the said  
Thomas Tabb and wife, with General warranty conveying to Nannie B. Collier  
for the period of her natural life, [reverting to her heirs or heirs of Francis A. Schmelz]  
that certain tract of land located in Wythe District, County of Elizabeth  
City, State of Virginia, bounded by Back River and the land known as  
Cloverdale*  
further sum of \$5 *No further description - but see same deed  
record in Book 32 page 90 (next page)*

that certain parcel of land located in the township Eliz City Co  
being a part of the School Neck Farm and bounded as follows: viz

Commencing at a stob on the Winder line and running N 51 1/2 E  
53 1/2 poles to corner in center of road leading to the Dwelling on  
School Neck thence N 11 E to a cedar stob on edge of the Marsh,  
thence N 80 1/2 W. 6 4/10 poles to another cedar stob thence N 17 1/2  
10 poles to a small pine on edge of the marsh thence N 50 1/2 a  
direct line to the creek where is planted a stob - the western  
boundary is the Winder farm & Back River or Wythe's Creek,  
containing 50 ac of high land & 20 ac of marsh together with the  
principal right of way over the road or land now leading from  
the Main Back River Road to the school neck farm. The said  
parties of the 1st part hereby reserve to themselves and any  
future owner of the remainder of the school neck farm the right  
of way across the land hereby conveyed to Brick Kiln Landing  
the said right of way to be over a road heading from said  
landing to the nearest point of the remainder of the school  
neck farm.

John W. Blackmore, trustee for Elizabeth V. Chiles

This Deed made this 20th day of March 1895 between Thomas Tabb & Virginia Tabb, his wife, parties of the 1st part and Nannie B. Collier and others parties of the 2nd part. Whereas by a decree of the Circuit Court of the Co of Eliz City pronounced on the 19th day of March 1895 in the chancery cause <sup>therein</sup> ~~wherein~~ pending under the name & style of Collier & wife vs Collier & others: it was ordered that F. S. Collier as Special Commissioner convey by deed with special warranty to the said Thomas Tabb the lot or parcel of land in the Bill and proceedings mentioned and described as located in the Town of Hampton, Co of Eliz City, State of Va. and bounded by Hampton River, the lots of J. S. Darling, Benjamin F. Hudgins heirs and Yankee Alley. But before the said F. S. Collier, Spec. Comr. should deliver to the sd. Thomas Tabb a deed executed by the sd. Thomas Tabb & wife, with general warranty conveying to Nannie B. Collier for the period of her natural life, remaineer to her children living at the time of her death & the descendents of such children as she may then have living and in default of issue or the descendents of issue at the time of her death, then to the heirs-at-law of the late Frances A. Schmelz, that certain tract of land located in Wythe District, Co of Eliz City, State of Va. known as "School Neck" containing 300 acres more or less and bounded by a branch of Back River and the lands known as "Cloverdale"

And Whereas the said F. S. Collier Spec. Commissioner has executed & delivered to the sd Thomas Tabb his deed for the sd lot or parcel of land located in the Town of Hampton Co of Elix City, State of Va. & bounded by Hampton River, the lots of J. S. Darling & Benjamin F. Hudgins' heirs and Yankee Alley

Now this Deed witnesseth that for & in consideration of the premises & the sum of \$5 in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Thomas Tabb & Virginia Tabb, his wife do by these presents grant & convey with general warantry unto the said Nannie B. Collier that certain tract of land located in Wythe District, Co of Eliz City, State of Va. & bounded by Back River and the lands known as "Cloverdale" To have and to hold, etc....

not in deed when recorded in Book 25 page 436.



U.S. A. Petitioner

vs  
582.24 acres of land more or less  
situated in Eliz. City Co and  
H. F. Collier et al, defendants  
to the boundary line dividing School Neck and Cloverdale farms

This day came the U.S.A by its attorneys and moved for the  
Court for an order confirming the vesting in the USA of fees  
simple title, subject, however, to existing easements for public  
roads and highways, for public utilities, for railroads and for  
pipe lines, the following:

Tract #1

Beginning at a Concrete Monument on the Easterly line of the  
Hampton-Yorktown highway, at the intersection therewith of the  
~~southerly boundary of Langley Field and running thence along the~~  
southerly boundary of Langley Field and running thence along  
the Southerly line of the land of said Langley Field

A-B N 84 5' E 780 ft to a concrete monument

B-C thence S 87 58' E 734.45 ft to "

C-D " S 87 18' E 1259.90 ft. to a pipe;

D-E " S 11 50' W 346.70 feet

E-F " S 14 45' W. 105.45 ft to a point on the westerly line of  
Langley Field

F-G " S 12 55' W 822.35 ft. to a concrete Monument in School  
House Land (sic);

G-H " S 72 55' W 1,148.32 ft to a " on the Easterly  
line of the Old Hampton Yorktown Highway;

I-A " along the Easterly line of said highway N 27 36' W 1646.75 ft  
to the point of beginning. Containing in all

82.24 ac. more or less, being more perfectly  
described in these proceedings and by ref. hereto made a part hereof

Tract #2

Beg. at a point at the intersection of the boundary line between  
Cloverdale Farm and the present land of Langley Field, on the  
Main Yorktown highway; running thence in a Northwesterly direction  
along the North East side of said Yorktown highway to a point  
approximately 10 ft. distant <sup>easterly</sup> Southerly from an iron pipe on the

edge of the boundary line between School Neck and Cloverdale farms; thence in a Northeasterly direction along a line parallel to the boundary line <sup>between</sup> dividing School Neck and Cloverdale farms a distance of approximately 2, 136 feet to a point approx. 10 ft. distant and to the Easterly from the monument near the graveyard on the corner of the line between School Neck and Cloverdale Farms; thence in a Northerly direction 59 55' W 35 feet distant from the broken line on the plat running thru School Neck Farm to the monument at the corner of Carpenters tract and School Neck, made by R. F. Pyle, Civil Engineer Jan 1941, to a point 35 feet distant Easterly from the monument at the S. East corner of the Carpenter Tract; thence continuing said line 35 feet distant ~~Easterly~~ from the monument at the S. E. Corner of Carpenter's in a Northerly direction along the Easterly line of the Carpenter tract and 35 feet distant therefrom, to the Northwest branch of Back River~~x~~, thence in a generally Southeasterly, Northeasterly, Southeasterly, Northeasterly, Southeasterly, Easterly and Southerly direction to the mouth of Tabb's Creek; thence along said Tabb's Creek following the meanderings thereof to a point 2509.96 feet from the main Yorktown highway on the line of Langley Field land; thence in a Northwesterly direction along said line of said Langley Field ~~land~~ property to the point of beginning on said Yorktown highway, containing 500 acres more or less, being more particularly described on a certain plat attached to the etc.

R. F. Collier

F. A. Collier

Fannie Collier Curtis and W. B. Collier, curators of the  
estate of F. A. Schmelz

Howard S. Collier

Nannie V. Collier

County of Elizabeth City

Norfolk, March 30, 1942

Tax Collector of Co. Treasurer  
Commonwealth of Va.Elizabeth City April 2 1942 10:30a  
am R. E. Wilson, Clerk



Bombing 204

Langley Field

Tract I  
87.74 ± AC

Jesse S Jones

Probably  
Magnetic  
(about N 6° 30' W)

1916

780	822
750	453
1246	1275
2776	

A-B N 84° 05' E 780 FEET  
 B-C S 87° 58' E 734.45 "  
 C-D S 87° 18' E 1259.90 "  
 D-E S 11° 50' W 346.70 "  
 E-F S 14° 45' W 105.45 FEET  
 F-G S 12° 55' W 822.35 "  
 G-H S 72° 55' W 1148.32 "  
 H-I S 67° 10' W 509.55 "  
 I-A N 27° 38' W 1646.75 "  
 36

2774.35  
 1274.50  
 1657.87

Recorded April 2, 1942 at 10:50 AM

29 miles

Tract 2  
500 ± ac.

Creed



SCHOOL NECK - OLD CARPENTER TRACT & HALF OF NECK

This deed made this 20th day of March 1895, between Thomas Tabb & July 15, 1950

- 175 Notice of Condemnation. USA vs Robert S. Hudgins Jr., Helen  
8 N. Hudgins, A. W. Sinclair, W. E. Ennis, J. F. Topping et al.  
For 420.46 Ac more or less  
Miscellaneous #129, condemnation for NASA:  
Beginning at a point on the Hampton-Yorktown Road where the  
boundary between the U.S. Gov't Property and the property of  
A. W. Sinclair & W. E. Ennis joins the said road, thence in a  
Northeasterly and Northerly direction along said boundary into  
Brick Kiln Creek so far as the law allows, thence in a Westerly  
and Southerly direction along said Brick Kiln Creek along the  
rapparian line to the point where said creek crosses the said  
road leading to Poquoson, thence in a southerly direction along the  
boundary between said road to Poquoson and the property of  
Robt. S. Hudgins, Jr. & J. F. Topping to a point where said  
boundary adjoins the aforesaid Hampton-Yorktown Road, thence  
easterly along the boundary between said road and the property  
of J. T. Topping, Robert S. Hudgins, Jr. and A. W. Sinclair &  
W. E. Ennis to the point of beginning, containing in all approx.  
420.46 ac more or less.

River and the lands known as "Clowerville"

And Whereas the said F. C. Collier Spas. Commissioner has executed  
& delivered to the said Thomas Tabb his deed for the lot or parcel  
of land located in the town of Hampton Co. of Ellis City, State of Va.  
& bounded by Hampton River, the State of J. C. Darling & Benjamin F.  
Hudgins' heirs and Yankee Alley

Now this Deed witnesseth that for & in consideration of the prem.  
1895 & the sum of \$5 in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby  
acknowledged, the said Thomas Tabb & Virginia Tabb, his wife do by  
these presents grant & convey with general warranty unto the said  
Minnie E. Collier that certain tract of land located in Hythe  
District, Co. of Ellis City, State of Va. & bounded by Back River and  
the lands known as "Clowerville" To have and to hold, etc....